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ELDER WILLIAM G. BANGERTER, ASSISTANT TO THE QUORUM OF THE TWELVE AND COL. FRED M. REESE, NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE U.S. MORMON BATTALION, PREPARE TO RAISE THE NATIONAL COLORS AND THE CALIFORNIA STATE FLAG AT THE DEDICATION OF THE FLAGPOLE AT THE MORMON BATTALION VISITORS CENTER, SAN DIEGO.



The President's Message

by Adolph Johnson

THE BICENTENNIAL YEAR OF 1976 has arrived!!

What a lucky, privileged and fortunate generation we are to live in a country 200 years young that has become a country of strength, wealth, respect, and pride to all Americans as well as to countries the world over.

We, especially us, as Sons of Utah Pioneers, have a knowledge that this was accomplished by our forefathers who sacrificed much, struggled and endured many hardships.

The benefits, though countless, were not fully realized by those who dreamed and fought and sacrificed most; but instead by each of us who daily enjoy the pursuit of **LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.**

The enormous pride of each American is felt when the stirring strains of the National Anthem bring each to his feet with hand on heart and face lifted upward toward "Old Glory" as it waves proudly strong and bold. Hearts flutter and eyes become clouded with tears as the recollection and recognition of the years of struggle and hardship becomes a lasting imprint on time. For these freedoms, we as Americans and SUP members must give thanks and praise.

"DO IT"

To gain a greater appreciation and knowledge of our heritage, I would recommend each chapter devote at least one meeting this year to a program commemorating the events of the birth and growth of our nation.

I hope all members of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers will follow the examples of our forefathers by joining together, once again forming our wagon train to participate in worthwhile activities to strengthen the SUP organization. Together we gain strength and can achieve our goals.

BICENTENNIAL PROJECTS

There is much to be done. Each member is important and necessary. Projects planned include:

planting trees, a display at the City and County Building in July, organizing new chapters as well as increasing our memberships. Supporting the Pioneer Village at Lagoon is also our goal. You will note that your membership card entitles you to free parking to enjoy the "New Pioneer Village." Each member should visit this historical museum.

Mark your calendars for the August 12-13-14 National Encampment at Provo.

I would like to extend thanks to the National Board, past presidents, officers and members for their support in 1975 and to welcome all new presidents and officers who have taken office this year. I know with your support, this year will be a **STAR STUDDERED YEAR!!!!**

NOBLE PIONEERS

How very noble and grand they stand,
As their deeds are mirrored down to us.
Having covered the defiant desert and plains,
They found themselves in a barren valley
On the shores of a great Inland Sea.
In its undaunted setting it was a shining jewel,
Reflecting rays of light leaping over the mountains.

Before them was a barren uninhabited waste.
Sagebrush, an occasional bunch of wheat grass
Waved from the baked sod that defied them.
Wastefulness and idleness they heartily condemned.
Cooperation was necessary for their survival.
But, in their possession was faith and reverence.
These nourished hope, love, assurance of the Divine.

Pioneers. Yes, our very gallant Pioneers.
How we are enjoying the fruits of your sacrifice.
You may have been poor in worldly possessions,
But you were rich in practiced wisdom and character.
Your ever sincere faith in divine guidance,
Gave you strength, determination and foresight
To build a new Zion to your God.

Today we travel over wide, smooth highways,
Ever passing beautiful homes, churches and schools.
Business and industry thriving as never before.
With ready access to every great center of the world.

Oh, how very difficult to pay a feeble tribute
To those who gave us such a rich heritage.
May we never squander the priceless wealth
Paid for by extreme joy, as well as toil and tears.

Yes, there is only one way that we can pay.
By cherishing the integrity and faith triumphant
That inspired our determined, noble Pioneers.
We must not bury, but pass down to posterity,
The priceless rich heritage we have received.

— by D. L. McConkie, past president of BY chapter, SUP,
and retired instructor for College of Education, BYU

SAN DIEGO DEDICATION

Responding to a call from the California San Diego Mission, four officers of the U.S. Mormon Battalion drove to California to support the dedication services of a bicentennial flagpole located at the Mormon Battalion Memorial visitors center on January 29, 1976. This event coincided with the date of arrival in San Diego of the original U.S. Mormon Battalion on January 29, 129 years earlier.

Elder William G. Bangerter, Assistant to the Quorum of the Twelve, had just returned from Europe and presided at the services. He spoke to the audience prior to giving the dedicatory prayer.

Conducting the program was President Frank M. Bradshaw of the California San Diego Mission. Following special songs by a chorus composed of descendants of the Mormon Battalion who were led by Lynn Detweiler with Gloria Hancock as accompanist, the invocation was given by President Rufus D'Albini, counselor to the mission president.

Next on the program was an historical dramatic reading by Duane

Huff. This was followed by appropriate remarks by the Honorable J. Clifford Wallace, Judge of the 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals.

After the dedicatory prayer, the Mormon Battalion Chorus again sang; and then Leslie Brewer, director of the Memorial Visitors Center, gave the benediction.

A large color picture of the flag-raising appeared in the *San Diego Tribune*. The *Union* newspaper published a story on the affair.

Battalion members who made the trip from Utah included: Col. Fred M. Reese, national commander; Capt. Veron P. Curtis; Lt. George Ricks; and Col. Marvin E. Smith.

A special treat in San Diego was seeing Virgil V. and Audrey Peterson, who are serving a mission and are assigned to the Mormon Battalion Memorial. Virgil is a member of the Salt Lake SUP chapter and an officer of the Battalion. The Petersons were ordinance workers at the Salt Lake Temple prior to answering the mission call last November.

— MES



This new flagpole was dedicated by Elder Bangerter at the MB Visitors Center in San Diego. Note arrow pointing to encircled flag one mile away on top of Presidio Hill by SUP Battalion monument.



Three MB officers who answered another quickie mission call to drive from Utah to San Diego for the dedication services. They are Capt. Veron P. Curtis, Col. Fred M. Reese, nat'l commander, and Lt. George A. Ricks.



President Frank M. Bradshaw of California San Diego Mission conducts dedicatory services.



San Diego Mormon Battalion Visitors Center. Left to right: Capt. Veron Curtis, Lt. George A. Ricks, Col. Marvin E. Smith, and Col. Fred M. Reese, nat'l commander.



MB Chorus performs at dedication for director Lynn Detweiler. Seated in foreground are Judge J. Clifford Wallace, Sr. and Elder Bangerter and Sr. Bradshaw.



Part of the dedication audience are seen seated in the parking lot at rear of visitors center.

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The discovery of gold in California, in which members of the Mormon Battalion participated, became a trial of the faith of those who were in these valleys. I should like to read a few words of one of the most remarkable prophecies I have ever read. It was uttered by Brigham Young in February of 1849, in the old bowery that stood at the fort which is now the ground of Pioneer Park. Said he:

DESTINY OF SALT LAKE

"Some have asked me about going. I have told them that God has appointed this place for the gathering of his saints, and you will do better right here than you will by going to the gold mines

"We shall build a city and a temple to the Most High God in this place. We will extend our settlements to the east and west, to the north and south, and we will build towns and cities by the hundreds, and thousands of the saints will gather in from the nations of the earth.

"This will become the great highway of the nations. Kings and emperors and the noble and wise of the

earth will visit us here, while the wicked and ungodly will envy us our comfortable homes and possessions"

PROMISE FULFILLED

I repeat those remarkable words uttered when our people here were living on thistle tops and sego bulbs. "Kings and emperors and the noble and the wise of the earth will visit us here." I constantly see a fulfillment of that promise as great men of the earth come to call on us. They are kings and rulers in the lands from which they come. They include the wise and noble of the earth. They come with curiosity and leave with appreciation.

During the month of June, more than 77,000 visitors came to Temple Square. They traveled from all of the states of the Union, from Canada, and from many foreign lands. They came of their own free will, with a desire to see and learn. No man witnessing the crowds that walk about this square every summer day, and reflecting on those who built the temple and this tabernacle, could do other than exclaim, "What hath God wrought?"

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SUP JOINS IN MILLION TREE PROGRAM

by Joy F. Dunyon
Vice President National SUP

The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers have been asked by the State of Utah to join in planting a million trees for a million people. This is part of a special Bicentennial program. The project is designed to bring lasting benefit and beauty to our area. One of the first things our pioneers did after reaching the West was to plant trees to beautify our towns and cities, shade our homes and provide windbreaks for our farms. By helping with this project, we can now make our communities even better.

A CHAPTER ASSIGNMENT

We suggest that at your next chapter meeting you carefully consider how this can be done in your community. Following are a few suggestions to stimulate your thinking:

1. Consult your city and county officials and offer your chapter's services to plant trees

along roads and highways leading to and throughout your city.

2. Plant trees in honor of the colonizers or founders of your city. Place markers near the trees so they will not only be beautiful but also take on historical significance.
3. In your own yard plant a tree for each of your children or grandchildren. Place markers by these also. This has great possibilities for building family unity.

DISCOUNT ON TREES

These are only a few possibilities. You and your committee will be able to think of many others. Let us know what you are planning. We can help you get trees at a discount. We also want to tell about it in *The Pioneer*. Governor Rampton has asked also for a report of what the SUP is going to do, so let us hear from you.

Museum Planned

PLEASANT GROVE — A museum of pioneer farm instruments is in the planning stages for Pleasant Grove.

Mark Johnson, city administrative assistant and recorder, said the museum would be developed on land adjacent to the present Pioneer Museum and Daughters of Utah Pioneers Hall.

City residents will be invited to display the old time farm instruments at the museum.

It is hoped plans for the permanent exhibit will be finalized and underway by spring, Mr. Johnson said. John Huntsman, Pleasant Grove City Councilman, is heading the project.



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Down Memory Lane

COPY OLD SALT PALACE AD COMES TO LIGHT

*By Newell Knight,
former City Historian*

In my collection of pioneer photos, many enlargements of which are now on display at Lindy's Cafe on 6th South and State, I found an ad for the old Salt Palace Resort, dating back perhaps to 1901. In case the print does not show up on picture, this tower and search light overlooked the palace and lighted the huge wooden bicycle track which seated 5000 people, as well as such amusement features as Ye Olden Mill, Circle Swings, Miniature Railway, a dancing pavilion that measured 60 by 130 feet, picnic grounds, lawn and 40 acres of trees, swings, amusements for children, and an orchestra and open air theatre, which were termed "the finest in the West."

Held's band featured 22 pieces. John Held, the leader of the band, started concerts above the Savage Store on Main Street, where the Union Pacific building now stands.

Bicycle races were held every Tuesday and Friday. Admission to the grounds was free.

The Pioneer, at the time the new Salt Palace was built, had a good story on the old and new with pictures.

The Salt Palace was covered with real salt, and at night, when the revolving light was on, it stood out all over the valley in the days when night advertising was not yet known.



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Outposts Visited

BICENTENNIAL YEAR TREK TO RETRACE BATTALION TRAIL

In the interest of recruiting and planning for a bicentennial trek over the entire USMB trail in late August, National Commander Fred M. Reese, along with three other officers, visited key cities in Arizona and California during mid-January.

Accompanying Col. Reese were SUP National President-elect D. Wesley Reese, Lt. Col. Elmer B. Jones and Sgt/Mjr Charles E. Pomeroy.

The Trek will leave Salt Lake City August 27 and return September 12, 1976, according to Col. Reese, who states that this is the ideal time to travel.

FIRST COMPLETE TREK

This will mark the first time that any sizeable group has attempted to travel the entire distance of the U.S. Mormon Battalion trail including the return to Utah from Northern California. The route will include Council Bluffs, Iowa; Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas; Santa Fe, N.M., Douglas, Arizona; Tucson and Yuma, Arizona; San Diego, Los Angeles and Sacramento in California; and then return to Salt Lake City. This covers 4500 miles.

Col. Reese and his associates met in Tucson with the following key men: Wayne C. Goodman, W. LeGrand Maxwell, Elbert W. Love, Tanner M. Brown, Gayle Stanley Bell Jr., Thomas



USMB SUP chapter representatives visit with Capt. William Farris at El Centro outpost. Left to right are: D. Wesley Reese, Elmer B. Jones, Col. Fred M. Reese and William Farris. Photos by Charles E. Pomeroy



Pictured at the Visitors Center in San Diego are: Virgil V. Peterson, Fred M. Reese, Elmer B. Jones, Leslie Brewer, Sr. Brewer, Audrey Peterson, Richard Green and D. Wesley Reese.

Dean Cook, and Major Marvin Follett from Douglas. Then, traveling west to El Centro, they met with Capt. William Farris.

At San Diego the following leaders discussed plans for the bicentennial trek: President William Lewis, President Floyd Packard, Robert Driver and Keith A. Sears.

MOVIE TO BE FILMED

In Los Angeles they met with some officials of a movie company regarding the possible filming of a movie on the history of the U.S. Mormon Battalion. Incidentally, Col. Reese reports that another movie firm will make a short documentary film covering different parts of the trail as the trek proceeds next August.

The SUP Sierra chapter officers met with the Utah delegates to review the plans. These included Dr. Evan K. Perkins, Earl J. Taylor, Jay Thurman, Gil Holland, Grant Ursenbach, Max Smart, Harold J. Snow and Mance H. Vaught.

Upon his return Col. Reese reported that he found great leaders and great enthusiasm at all of the "outposts" which were visited.

The Pioneer will present further details of the trek as soon as they are available.

MOVE OVER, "LIFERS"

Here come more members. During the latter months of 1975, three men in the Temple Fork chapter became SUP Life Members. Congratulations are extended to these worthy workers:

D. WESLEY REESE, National President-elect, officer in the U.S. Mormon Battalion, and a man who travels at least two hundred miles each month to attend executive board meetings.

DR. THERIS ASTLE is a full-time physician attending the needs

of his Logan patients. In addition he contributes his services to the activities of the SUP Chapter. He becomes Life Member No. 179.

HUBERT C. WARD, active national vice president for the northern area and a dependable hard worker whose judgment is respected.

In January of this year the Pioneer chapter added the following to the roster of Life Members:

LARRY ANDERSON, expert on fuels at the University of Utah, and a man who keeps young by teaching

and participating in gymnastics.

DR. CLARK YOUNG, retired and still one of the younger members of "the" Young family, maintaining his loyalty to the Salt Lake City chapter.

VIRGIL H. SMITH, who has long been an active member of the East Millcreek chapter. Being paired with his father as Life Members, they constitute one of several such combinations in the Society.

— George C. Lloyd



Nino Cochise and Earl Bascom shaking hands.

PEACE TREATY MADE AT APACHE PASS

by John Bascom

At Apache Pass, Arizona, in February of 1861, Lt. George N. Bascom, U.S. 7th Infantry, attempted to arrest Apache Indian Chief Cochise on an unfounded charge of stealing cattle and a rancher's son. Cochise escaped and declared war on all white men — beginning 25 years of Apache Wars.

Some 115 years later, February 1976, at Apache Pass, Bascom and Cochise met again. On this historical occasion, Earl W. Bascom (U.S. Mormon Battalion member and fifth cousin to Lt. George Bascom) and Nino Cochise (102-year-old grandson of Chief Cochise) shook hands in peace — putting an end to any lingering hostilities between the two families. Nino came up to Earl and said with a grin, "This is a perfect opportunity to revenge my grandfather." But there was no incident beyond a firm handshake.

Although the original Bascom and Cochise had little in common, not so with the present duo. Earl's grandfather was a cavalryman fighting Indians — Nino's grandfather was an Indian fighting cavalrymen. Both Nino and Earl were rodeo riders, both worked as actors in Hollywood movies, and both are bronze sculptors. Nino's sculpture of his grandfather, Chief Cochise, as well as ten Western bronzes by Earl Bascom were on exhibit during the month of February at the Cochise Visitors Center and Museum in Willcox, Arizona.



Officers See Bascom Art

En route to San Diego your editor had the privilege of visiting with Patriarch Earl W. Bascom and family in Victorville, California, along with three other members of the U.S. Mormon Battalion chapter.

Earl is a life member and will be remembered as a sculptor-artist and also as a former world champion bronc rider. Last month he was in the news when he met 102-year-old Nino Cochise at Willcox, Arizona, in a token of peace between the Apaches and the white men.

Col. Fred M. Reese, Veron P. Curtis, George A. Ricks and *The Pioneer* editor enjoyed a tour of the Bascom art studio which was filled with paintings, sculptures and pioneer artifacts. Earl has a special skill of portraying intense action in his models.

PROPOSES A MOUNTED UNIT

John Bascom, a son, is involved in the bronze casting activity in connection with the sculpture production. He suggested that he would like to organize a mounted platoon for the U.S. Mormon Battalion in his area. He and Col. Reese discussed this possibility at length.



John Bascom (left) and his father Earl (right) welcome Fred M. Reese to Victorville, Ca.



*Profile of a Great Family***DUKES CALLED ON A MISSION**

Otto and Beatrice Duke have been called to serve in the Tallahassee, Florida Mission. They will enter the mission home March 6th.

Elder Duke is a member of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers and is a Major in the Mormon Battalion and has been very active in these organizations.

Otto Duke has been a mining and then a consulting engineer for many years. He has spent a good deal of the time designing and erecting major buildings and businesses for the companies with which he worked. He took his family to Fairbanks, Alaska, and spent three years there supervising the erection of a Gold Dredge. While there he was first counselor to the branch president.

They spent two years in the Chicago area where Mr. Duke designed and helped erect a lead refinery. Another time the family spent three years in Tucson, Arizona, where Mr. Duke designed and helped with the erection of a Copper Smelting project. For the past eighteen years he has worked for F. C. Torkelson Company as consulting engineer.

In all these places Brother and Sister Duke and their family took part in all the Church activities. Elder Duke was a Sunday School President for several years, a secretary, teacher, counselor, and then President of the M.I.A. for many years. He was also first counselor to Bishop Henry Fetzner of the Tenth Ward, Salt Lake Park Stake, for nine years. Sister Duke has been counselor in both the Tucson and Tenth Ward Relief Societies. She has been Cultural Refinement leader for the last few years in the Tenth Ward.

They are parents of six children; two daughters and four sons. All of them have been and are active in the church. They have all graduated from college and three of them have Ph.D.s. The daughters are both teachers and have lovely families; one has a daughter on a mission in Japan and the other has a son on a mission in Spain. Two of the sons have returned missionary sons. The boys have responsible positions in industry and one



Bea and Otto Duke

is a professor at BYU and a bishop of one of the BYU branches.

Otto and Beatrice have been married 53 years. Both of them are of Pioneer ancestry. Sister Duke's father, converted in England, walked across the plains as a young man in the Miller Handcart Company. He became one of the first physicians and surgeons in Salt Lake City. His name was Dr. Jabez T. Taylor. Sister Duke's grandparents were converts from Denmark. Brother Duke is the fifth generation of Dukes in the church. The first three generations were in Nauvoo at the time of the prophet's death.

They are both proud of their pioneer heritage and of their membership in the Sons of the Utah Pioneers and Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. They have been on most of the trips taken by the Sons of the Utah Pioneers and the Mormon Battalion during the past ten years and have enjoyed the association with those members very much.



Elder and Sr. Orson Richins, missionaries of the Mesa Temple Visitors Center, greeted members of the Battalion in February. He is a former president of the SUP Salt Lake Chapter and sends greetings to all.



CHAPTER NEW

PIONEER CHAPTER

The January luncheon program was particularly interesting. We had Dean Jesse from the Church Historian's office. Dean has done a special study on the holography of Joseph Smith. Holography is the study of handwriting of the subject person. This was a most interesting meeting.

PIONEER CHAPTER OFFICERS

President, Edwin C. (Ted) Skeen; president-elect, Glen Lloyd; first vice president, Lorin D. Wiggins; second vice president, Ken Smith; secretary, Robert Simonsen; treasurer, Roger Mecham; historian, Cloyd E. Wangsgard.

The February luncheon was our annual Sweethearts Valentine program where all members were invited to bring their wives for a special tribute to them and a lovely luncheon. Brother Paul Royal, former general secretary of the Church Genealogical Society and a beloved speaker, was our special guest. His message was stimulating.

SOUTH DAVIS CHAPTER

Officers for the year 1976 are: president, J. Theodore Arbon; president-elect, Clay Allred; first vice president, William O. Tolman; second vice president, William H. Holbrook; two-year directors, Haven R. Burningham and Horace P. Beesley; secretary, James M. Rushforth; treasurer, William E. Barlow; historian, S. Lloyd Riley; carry-over directors, Dean W. Holbrook and James Cooper Burns; past president, Kenneth G. Wiseman.

SUGARHOUSE

by Rulon W. Clark

On February 9, 1976, the newly elected officers of the Sugarhouse Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers met and outlined plans for the coming year. Good programs were arranged for the monthly meetings, including music and talks by prominent persons.

C. Bicknell Robbins, membership chairman, was authorized to contact interested descendants of our pioneers and present their applications to the Board of Directors for approval. Our chapter is to be enlarged to accommodate as many as can be provided for. There are many who desire to become members because of the interesting and worthwhile programs, dinners and socials with members and wives and widows of the former members.

The officers are very enthusiastic and desirous of making the Sugarhouse chapter an outstanding one. The newly elected officers are: W. Phillips Robbins, president; George A. McClelland, president-elect; Lloyd S. Christensen, first vice president; Rulon J. Topham, second vice president; Gerald C. Jensen, secretary; Guy Anderson, treasurer; Reed D. Andrew, historian; Milton V. Backman, judge advocate; Roscoe T. Pixton, immediate past president; Eli LeCheminant, chaplain; C. Bicknell Robbins, membership; Rulon W. Clark, publicity; Rollo Kimball, treks and encampment; Horace A. Sorensen, chairman Pioneer Village; Milton V. Backman, acting chairman.



SIERRA CHAPTER

Norm Wilson of the California Department of Parks and Recreation discussed developments on the new Railroad Historical Museum under construction in Sacramento at the February gathering of the Sierra Chapter.

Our March meeting will be a trek to the San Francisco Mint, Fort Point and other nearby locations of interest.

1976 OFFICERS ELECTED

Sierra Chapter members and guests numbering 41 enjoyed a chicken dinner at our monthly meeting in December of 1975, which was held at the Sacramento East Stake Center. Everyone enjoyed the program of national historical significance furnished by two young students, Bruce Kimrel and Tony Meira. Their musical readings were well done.

Following the program the following officers were elected for 1976: president — Evan Perkins, president-elect — Ralph Bird, vice president — Grant Ursenbach, second vice president — Gil Holland, secretary — Harold Snow, treasurer — Don (Jay) Thurman, and historian — Ivan A. Anderson. Directors and assignments are: Ben Lofgren, chapter projects; Allan Woolley, life membership; Duane Bingham and Max Smart, monthly meetings; Earl Taylor, Mormon Battalion; Mance Vaught, new chapters; Ken Holbrook, special events; and Duane Ford, newsletter.

Recent correspondence was received from Adolph Johnson, national president, indicating that revisions to the National SUP Constitution and By Laws were being considered in two areas.

— Duane B Ford



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S AND VIEWS

TEMPLE FORK

To inform and create interest, U.S.M.B. Company D put on the program at the monthly SUP meeting held in November in Logan, Utah.

SUP president-elect Lorenzo Hansen conducted. The color guard was composed of Sgt. Irwin Thomson, Bruce Allen, Dwain Carlson, Kenneth Finchum, Warren Hansen, Merlin Kendrick and William Kendrick.

The theme was the U.S. Mormon Battalion in 1846 and in 1975 and 1976. The speaker was Major D. Wesley Reese, C.O. of Company D. He talked about why and how the Mormon Battalion was organized by President Brigham Young on July 16, 1846, and some of the hardships and experiences of the Battalion on their march from Council Bluffs to San Diego. Major Reese told of the counsel and blessing of the U.S.M.B. by Brigham Young on the bank of the Missouri River: "Their names should be held in honorable remembrance to all generations."

Delsa Thomson was another speaker and told of the sacrifice and hardships of a young couple by the name of Sarah and Ezra H. Allen. Sarah and four children remained in Council Bluffs while Ezra marched to San Diego, was discharged and later killed by Indians on June 27, 1848, at Tragedy Springs on Iron Mountain near Pleasant Valley, California.

Col. Earl A. Hansen, past national SUP president and commander of the U.S. Mormon Battalion, told of the goals and purposes of the U.S. Mormon Battalion today.

Most battalion members were in uniform and their companions in Pioneer dresses. Each battalion member and his wife were introduced by

C.O. Major D. Wesley Reese while standing at attention in formation.

Elections for SUP officers for 1976 were held.

1976 SUP OFFICERS

Temple Fork chapter SUP officers elected for 1976 are: president — Lorenzo Hansen, president-elect — Alvin C. Hull, vice president — Urven W. Larsen, two year directors — Merlin Kendrick and Sylvester C. Anderson.

TEMPLE FORK AND OLD JUNIPER

On Saturday, January 3, 1976, a ceremony re-enacting the meeting in which Utah officially became a state 80 years ago was presented in the Logan Tabernacle, starting with a 45-gun salute.

BATTALION ASSISTS

Fourteen men from the U.S. Mormon Battalion, Company D, in uniform, stood in formation at attention during the salute. Three men from the battalion were the color guard for the State flag. Eleven M.B. men in uniform sat on the stand as honor guard.

The first ten rows in the center section of the tabernacle were reserved for SUP members and families and Mormon Battalion families.

SUP AND COMMUNITY

Temple Fork and Old Juniper chapters of the SUP in Logan were sponsors of the program. All the mayors of Cache County and the Cache County Commission were invited. The scout troops in Cache Valley Council were also invited to attend and display their troop flags from the balcony.

BOX ELDER OFFICERS

The results of our December election are: president, Albert J. Reeve; first vice president, Stuart Tingey; second vice president, Claude Olsen; directors, Glen Fife and Karl L. Josephson; secretary and treasurer, Charles Kimber.

SALT LAKE CHAPTER

President, Preston W. Parkinson; first vice president, Paul B. Tanner; second vice president, Clyde J. Summerhays; third vice president, Vaughn J. Wimmer; secretary, Darrell Welling; treasurer, Benjamin J. Bowring; directors: Ray H. Barton, Jr., Joseph F. Cowley, Wilford H. Payne, O. Claron Alldredge, George W. Fowler and Willard Rogers.

ANNUAL SEMINAR

The annual seminar for chapter presidents and presidents-elect has been scheduled in Salt Lake City for May 1, 1976, it is reported by D. Wesley Reese, national president-elect.

You will be notified of the location, the hour and the program when those details have been finalized.

The committee for the meeting included: Logan City Mayor Desmond Anderson; Logan City Bicentennial chairman Douglas Alder; Hubert Ward, Earl Hansen, Lorenzo Hansen, and D. Wesley Reese from Temple Fork chapter; and Lyman Willardson from the Old Juniper Chapter.

The bicentennial flag was displayed on the north balcony and the U.S. Mormon Battalion flag on the south balcony of the Tabernacle.

UTAH'S STRUGGLE FOR STATEHOOD

*80th Statehood Program
Logan, Utah, January 3, 1976*

Address by J. Arbon Christensen

Mr. Christensen in his address stated that the first application for statehood was made in 1849, but it took 46 years before Grover Cleveland made the proclamation in 1896. The news was received with great jubilation and was celebrated with a parade and meeting in the Salt Lake Tabernacle. The song, "Utah We Love Thee," was written for the occasion and sung by 1000 voices. New officers were sworn in, with Heber M. Wells as the first governor. The oath of office was administered by Charles S. Zane.

STRUGGLE TO GAIN STATEHOOD

It took many years and much negotiation for Utah to become a state. To begin with, the pioneers had to survive and Brigham Young, who took the responsibility, said "they would be governed by the law of the Lord." By the second year there were 15,000 people in the valley, including many non-L.D.S. citizens who protested the existing form of government. The situation caused much tension between the two groups. There was much contention in the area, and news was sent to Washington that Brigham Young was not capable of governing the people. Federal appointees were sent out and Johnston's army was commissioned to control the Mormons. They were held up in Wyoming but reached the Salt Lake Valley, where they stayed until recalled for the Civil War.

The situation went along for years with Utah as a territory until polygamy was rescinded. The 1893 Manifesto made it possible for statehood. At the time statehood was granted, Charles Richards was the Territorial Governor.

LOGAN STATEHOOD PROGRAM

A special ceremony was held January 3 in the Logan LDS Tabernacle to celebrate 80 years of Utah statehood. The Sons of the Utah Pioneers color guard presented the State flag.

The statehood address in the reenactment was given by J. Arbon



Christensen. He was followed by Earl A. Hansen, who read the Proclamation of Statehood.

A forty-five gun salute was fired by the Utah State University Reserve Officer's Training Corps and the Logan Fire Department.

The program was planned by the Temple Fork and Old Juniper S.U.P. Chapters in cooperation with Logan City. A brass ensemble from USU and the Imperial Glee Club furnished the music.

Those on the planning committee for the event were: Hubert Ward, chairman; Lorenzo Hansen, President of Temple Fork chapter; Lyman Willardson, President of Old Juniper chapter; and Wesley Reese, national President-elect.



SPRING

Congratulations To Alta G. Hansen

Mrs. Earl A. Hansen was presented with the coveted Silver Beaver award on February 12, 1976. It was the first such award made to a lady scouter by the Cache Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America. This outstanding Logan couple each holds the famous Silver Beaver. Earl received his ten years ago. About a year ago they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They have an exemplary family.

Earl is a former commanding officer of the Mormon Battalion and a former national president of S.U.P.



Alta Hansen

PRESENTATION SPEECH FOR MRS. HANSEN

"This lovely lady is a native of Cache Valley. Born in Wellsville of Pioneer stock, she has spent a life in service of the people of this valley.

"For forty-five years she has served in the Primary; her boys who received their first taste of Scouting as Guide Patrol boys number in the hundreds.

"When most grandmothers were content to rest on their laurels, this great-grandmother was still taking her Patrols on hike and nature tours, and bringing home dead-tired boys!

"She is the mother of five children, grandmother of twenty-seven, great-grandmother of five, and Scout mother to hundreds. She and her husband have shared over fifty-one years of happily married life.

"She is not only an ardent but expert seamstress, but is always willing to instruct and help.

"No matter which direction she looks, north, south, east, or west in Cache Valley, she can find one of her "boys" looking back, smiling and

thanking her for the start she gave him. Her present Stake President was at one time one of her eleven-year-old Guide boys.

"One of her close associates said, 'God destroyed the mold after He made her. She stands alone in her ability to help and to share; she has always placed the welfare of others ahead of herself.'

"Hundreds of boys were started on the right track of life at her knee. The Cache Valley Council and the people of Cache Valley can be justly proud of Alta G. Hansen."

Co. A Tours Elk Winter Feeding Grounds

A bus full of happy people from Co. A visited Hardware Ranch in Blacksmith Fork Canyon January 16 to observe the feeding operation for 500 elk. Sheldon Brewster arranged for the outing.

The first development in this area occurred in 1873-74 by white men when the United Order of Hyrum built a road, sawmill, dairy and the first permanent buildings.

The second owner was the Box Elder Hardware Company. In 1946 the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources bought 19,000 acres of land and raised 300 tons of hay to feed the elk during the winter when snow covers the mountains.

— Harold H. Jenson



Brigham Young

Hosts 1976

Encampment

Happy days are here again, and we are planning on them getting happier for you until they climax in August, as we meet you all at the big Encampment in Provo. The Brigham Young Chapter is booming with activity in preparation for this very outstanding event. There are a number of reasons for making it very unusual. First, and not too many chapters can boast of it, our new President, Eldon J. Card, is a great-grandson of Brigham Young. So, naturally he is going to see that this event is such that his great-grandfather would be pleased to attend.

Second, we plan to make it an event that you will be very happy to attend. This reminds me of our first meeting this season held Thursday January 22. In attendance were 98 enthusiastic members, companions and guests. Following a very tasty meal, the group participated in community singing. While our voices are not what they used to be, we still like to sing.

The major part of the evening was highly appreciated in that we were shown a collection of wonderful slides of pioneer days, pioneers and events relating to this great past. Accompanying music was most pleasing.

The Brigham Young Chapter, Provo City and Brigham Young University are all looking forward to making you happy in August. If you did not write it on your calendar from the last issue of *The Pioneer*, let us remind you of the following events: Genealogical Seminar, July 2-6; SUP Encampment, August 12-16; Brigham Young University graduation exercises, August 13; and Education Week, August 16-20.

Full details of the Encampment will be made available at a later date. Forms will be accessible to each of you in sufficient time to permit you to make reservations to remain in Provo and spend a pleasing vacation.

We will be looking forward to meeting all of our old friends and the opportunity of making many new ones during the Encampment.

— D. L. McConkie

WORTHY BICENTENNIAL PROJECT

The forty-year-old monument which stands near the northwest corner of the Davis County Courthouse in Farmington appears to be a suitable object for a bicentennial refurbishing. After all, it honors Capt. Daniel C. Davis, the Mormon pioneer after whom the county takes its name.

SUP member Charles E. Pomeroy observed the deteriorating condition of the outside of the monument when passing one day and invited *The Pioneer* editor to return with him. Pictures are shown herewith.

Since this memorial is in the vicinity of the South Davis SUP Chapter, the Editor asked National Vice President Ken Wiseman whether that Chapter might like to follow up on the project. Ken was very cooperative.

BRONZE PLAQUE TELLS STORY

"In memory of Captain Daniel C. Davis in whose honor Davis County was named at its formation Oct. 5, 1850.

"Joined LDS Church at Council Bluffs, Iowa, and enlisted in the Mormon Battalion in 1846, where he was Captain of Company "E." After service in Utah, he re-enlisted for six month's service in California.

"After he was mustered out, he settled on Davis Creek in South Farmington in 1849.

"He died June 1, 1850, en route East, 41 miles West of Fort Kearney, Nebraska.

"Corner stones for this monument were taken from the foundation of Captain Davis' original home in South Farmington.

"Erected by Davis County 1936."



NEWS AND VIEWS — TEMPLE QUARRY

by LaGrand and Lucile Asay

National V.P. Joy F. Dunyon and wife Eileen attended the December dinner of the Temple Quarry Chapter, as did Adolph Johnson, national president, and wife Elma.

Widows of former members were honored and given a corsage by outgoing President Moyal Anderson, Riverton.

New officers were installed at this December meeting.

The January meeting for this chapter was held at Pioneer Hall in West Jordan, replete with dinner by the best cooks in the world — wives of members!

Slides of treks were presented by Trek Chairman Glen Greenwood and John C. Richards. Then the film of "Alaska Earthquake" was shown. A Trek is planned for Easter weekend — to Nevada, to Scottie's Castle, Death Valley Area. Come join us, everyone. Contact Glen Greenwood.

The February meeting included a delicious pot luck meal and a "Trip to the South Sea Islands" with the Sam Turners, Riverton, and the Reid Andersons, Sandy. Extremely interesting. This meeting was under leadership by V.P. Gene Drake, West Jordan.

His family entertained with lovely spiritual and patriotic musical numbers.



National officers: Vice President Joy F. Dunyon and Eileen, President Adolph Johnson and Elma; Temple Quarry President J. C. Richards and Bertha; Mormon Battalion officer Elmer Jones and Vilate.



Left to Right: Front row — Arch Eastman, Ivan Jones, Eugene Drake. Back row — Russell Stocking, J. C. Richards, Glen Greenwood and Jack Eldredge.

Bertha Richards gave a reading to commemorate the Bicentennial entitled, "I am an American." A large crowd attended and new members installed were Marlon and Mary Bateman from Sandy.



Sgt. Pomeroy poses with 1846 period rifle beside the dilapidated monument on the Courthouse lawn in Farmington. Note the discoloration and chipping of the outer layer of aggregate.

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Logan Members Honored At Social And Dinner

Last month six Battalion representatives from Salt Lake City answered the request from Logan to meet with Company D to give instructions and to participate in their awards dinner.

Major Wes Reese with Lts. Roland Mortensen and Earl Gordon arranged a fine dinner and gave reports of their activities and plans for the excursion to Tucson.

Four of the visitors from Salt Lake spoke, including Lt. Col. Elmer B. Jones, Mary Goodman, Elmer J. Carr and Marvin E. Smith. Others from

Salt Lake were Vilate Jones and Irene Smith.

Upon the recommendation of Company D officers, certificates of appointment were presented by the Utah Division commanding officer Elmer B. Jones as follows: acting corporal, Merlin Kendrick; acting sgt., Kenneth Finchum. Those being promoted to corporal were: William Kendrick, Dwain Carlson and Warren Hansen. Lance corporal awards went to Mathias P. Monson and Melvin Muir.



By Popular Request

Sheriff Young Reprints Life Story

by Harold H. Jenson

The first edition of our popular octogenarian Grant Young's book on "Sheriff, Soldier, Horseman" proved so popular, his friends urged him to reprint same, which he has done, adding the "Mormon Battalion Epic," the best short synopsis of the famous march. Also in the book are "His Testimony" and ten stories of his immediate ancestors, including Brigham Young and Orson Spencer.

Those who knew Sheriff Young from his many SUP treks with us have learned to admire him and his book for his frank earnest way. It will make new friends among old and young.

It was this reviewer's pleasure to encourage him to write these stories. Deseret Book has taken over sale of the new book, beautifully printed with many illustrations of his family, his racing days, his military life up to present.

He added "His Spiritual Renaissance" to his former title, and these new features must be read to be appreciated.

This scribe has never stolen others' wording, except to say here his conversion and manner in which he gave up horse racing for his church, make interesting reading.

No one would believe Sheriff Young is nearing his nineties, for he is straight as an arrow, goes to temple sometimes twice a day, and never misses SUP Battalion parties or treks.

His wife joined the U.S. Army Wacs corps, while he served as Captain in the Field Artillery in World War I. For years past he has never missed his LDS duties. His daughter "Frankie" was queen of "Days of '47" and an equestrienne of note and his son Grant Jr. also served in the U.S. Army and is in the sheriff's force in Salt Lake County.



Sheriff S. Grant Young

The Sheriff sent 250 of his books to most of the libraries in Utah, Idaho, Arizona and California.

The book can be obtained at Deseret Book.

An Honorable Mention Story

MARY ELLEN HOLT ALSTON

UTAH NATIVE PIONEER

By her son, Ray L. Alston



Only 11 years after President Brigham Young led the first company of Mormons to the Salt Lake Valley, Mary Ellen Holt was born, October 22, 1858, in North Ogden. A native pioneer of emigrant parents. Her grandparents, James Holt and Mary Paine, were married January 22, 1830, in Halifax County, North Carolina. Her father LeRoy Holt was born March 27, 1838 in Johnson County, Illinois, and her mother, Ellen Lowe, was born March 2, 1840, in Bath, England, to John and Ann Parrett Lowe, early emigrants to Utah. James and Mary Paine Holt were baptized in 1839 in Johnson County, Illinois. Here they farmed until they moved on to Nauvoo in 1843. James was employed in the quarry getting out rock for the temple and Nauvoo House until April, 1844, when he was called on a mission to Tennessee. He went to Wilson County where his parents and the rest of his family lived, for he wanted to convert them to the Church. His father Jesse and Mother Elizabeth welcomed him, but not his companion Jackson Smith until James threatened to leave and not see them again.

PROPHET'S DEATH REVEALED

The missionaries labored in Lebanon and aroused interest. An overflowing crowd turned out to listen to them in the Court House the evening of June 27, 1844. James preached on the first principles of the Gospel, the restoration, and mission of Prophet Joseph. At the conclusion he hesitated, then exclaimed, "It has been made known to me that our Prophet Joseph Smith has been martyred, and you may take this as a testimony that what I have told you this night about the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is true." He returned and told his family of the martyrdom and said he felt he should return to Nauvoo. Jackson Smith said he would stay to continue teaching the family.

MARTYRDOM CONFIRMED

On his way James came to a house where he saw a man intently reading a

newspaper. He asked for a drink of water, and the man motioned to a bucket of water and cup. James took a drink and then asked what was so interesting. The man said it was about the death of the Mormon Prophet at Carthage Jail the evening of June 27.



Ray L. Alston and wife Pearl. Photo taken at Hardware Ranch by Marvin E. Smith.

James was counseled by Brigham Young to farm in the area where he could. He farmed in Fremont County, Iowa, and prospered. In 1852 he sold his farm for \$350.00 and moved on west by ox team, reached the "Valley" and settled north at the bend of the Weber River on October 27. The next spring he bought a farm in North Ogden for \$350.00. The summer of 1855 was severe due to crickets and grasshoppers, and that winter was known as the "hard winter," with many cattle dying. In the fall of 1857 sons LeRoy and William helped in the action against Johnston's Army.

MARY ELLEN IS BORN

In January 1858 LeRoy married Ellen Lowe. Their home in North Ogden was a one-room log cabin with a wheat bin at one end, the birthplace of Mary Ellen. A brother LeRoy John was born here too and later another brother who died at birth.

When Mary Ellen was eight years old they moved to Hoytsville, Summit County to a small log house on the farm of her grandfather John Lowe, west of the Weber River and between Wanship and Hoytsville. A sister Isabell was born here. Due to Indian troubles a fort was built in Hoytsville. In June 1866 signal fires were seen as a warning and all hurriedly traveled the two miles to safety. Here a brother Alma was born and three weeks later on July 15, 1866, her mother passed away. After the Indian threat was over, the family sadly moved back to their little home where they lived five more years. One fall President Young asked all to store as much grain as possible. Grandmother Lowe and Mary Ellen gleaned 20 bushels to store.

Mary Ellen's father married her mother's sister Parthenia Ann Lowe, July 29, 1868, and she took her mother's place in a wonderful way as "Auntie Holt" until her death October 1926. He preceded her in death October 10, 1910.

TWO BROTHERS DIE

Three years after his remarriage LeRoy built a nice frame home nearby. School was at Hoytsville and the children walked each way. While playing at school when Mary Ellen was 10 and LeRoy John was 7, a 17-year-old boy told them to quit. As they continued, he hit LeRoy John a hard blow in the back, knocking him against a bench. Before school was out he became very sick. They hurried home, Mary Ellen carrying him part of the way. He lived only a few days. Alma, the younger brother, took whooping cough about this time and died two weeks after LeRoy John.

Mary Ellen helped milk cows, with the crops and housework. She liked to work with her parents, for they were always kind. She enjoyed Church with them and they encouraged her to read the scriptures. She was baptized in the Weber River. Grandmother Lowe was the Relief Society President and Mary Ellen would help her by

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UTAH NATIVE PIONEER

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taking a basket to the homes to gather eggs, butter, soap or anything they wished to give for the needy of the ward. She worked out with families for 50 cents a long day of housework and washing on a board by hand, often with no thought of pay. Emigrant trains of Saints would pass by their home and be given water, green vegetables and other supplies without thought of pay. Sometimes food was scarce and Mary Ellen would gather sego lily roots and other greens for the family to eat.

The trout from Weber River was a good source of food, until one day her father came with the sad news that the fish were floating dead, poisoned by the tailings from the Park City mines. This was stopped as soon as possible.

Father Holt would cut his hay and grain with a hand scythe and cradle. As he was cutting his grain one fall he noticed a big black bear approaching from the river. He just kept on working and was relieved when the bear ambled past and continued on his way to the hills in the west.

MARRIED HER DREAM MAN

When Thomas Alston, emigrant pioneer of 1865 and cousin of Elizabeth Reddon of Hoystville, came from Salt Lake City to teach school 1875-76, Mary Ellen recognized him from a dream. She was told that she would marry her dream man. This happened December 26, 1878, in the Endowment House, Salt Lake City, where they first lived. They then moved to Hoytville where Thomas taught school again and to Coalville when he was elected County and Probate Clerk 1883-1888.

He became assistant Salt Lake County Recorder to George M. Cannon, then called to a mission in England. He departed April 10, 1889, leaving Mary Ellen with three young children and \$125.00 per year income. One day a man, clean, short, with white hair came and asked for food and milk. After eating he asked to bless her baby, which he did before leaving. Was he one of the three Nephites, she wondered?

Thomas came home in 1891 after a good mission. He was employed by the Church as assistant to George Reynolds, secretary to the First

MORMON BATTALION DESCENDANTS HOLD SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

Gathering at the Grotto in Presidio Park, San Diego descendants enjoyed a picnic, program and business meeting in sunny shirt-sleeve weather on the last day of January.

Following the tasty lunch, President Floyd Packard of the Carlsbad Stake conducted the program. Members of the Utah SUP Battalion chapter presented the colors while Col. Fred M. Reese led the Pledge of Allegiance. Flag bearers were Veron P.

Presidency, then Recorder in the Temple 1893-1898; was the first bookkeeper in the Garland sugar factory, employed by Utah Power and Light Company, elected Salt Lake County Recorder, served as deputy recorder, then was a licensed abstractor until he retired at age 79. He was the first stake clerk of Granite Stake organized January, 1900. In 1892 he built their home at 913 East 2100 South; he sold it to Petty Motor Company in 1936, when it was torn down.

HER LAST DAYS

Mary Ellen bore 13 children, four dying in childhood, was a faithful Relief Society worker, grew flowers for the enjoyment of all, did extensive hand work and temple work. Thomas died March 31, 1941, and Mary Ellen August 21, 1954. She had broken one hip in her 80's and three years later the other upper leg and a wrist. She recovered and continued her handwork and daily walks, even on the day she went into a coma in her chair before retiring and died a week later.

As an active DUP she gave to their museum her spinning wheel and her father's scythe and cradle. Both Thomas and Mary Ellen have been honored with a tree in Sugarhouse Park as Sugarhouse Pioneers. Pictures of her and Thomas with the Temple Choir and one of his mother in magnificent frames, have been given to the Church Curator for preservation and display, and the family gave funds for a seat in Pioneer Memorial Theater to honor Thomas Alston, Emigrant Pioneer. Mary Ellen achieved a goal to fly in an airplane.

Curtis, George Ricks and Marvin E. Smith.

Chad Richardson, 8155 St. Onge Drive, La Mesa, CA 92041, was elected as president of the MB Descendants organization. C. Vorris Tenney, counselor to the mission president, is acting as advisor to the group. Chairman for



Supporters of the San Diego MB descendants.

the occasion was Sherman Gibbs of the San Diego East Stake. Public relations advisor was Keith A. Sears, while registration was managed by Dona Capelo.

Musical entertainment was provided by the Westernairs, featuring John Cordes. Lynn Detweiler directed the popular M.B. Chorus in some numbers.

Professor Willardson related some exciting stories from the history of the USMB. Col. Fred M. Reese was then asked to speak.

Mission President Frank M. Bradshaw, his counselors and other officials were in attendance. Mission photographer was Dean Judd.

USMB coordinator for the San Diego area is Keith A. Sears, it is reported by Col. Reese. It is hoped that one day a strong chapter will be established.

— MES

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Profile DR. THERIS P. ASTLE

Theris Price Astle was born January 9, 1919, the son of Joseph Hyrum Astle and Elizabeth Ellen Price. Their parents on both sides were pioneers who crossed the plains, helping to settle the Bear Lake and Star Valleys. They built saw and grist mills, while others returned to the Missouri River to bring other families west.

As a youth, Theris' time was spent in helping his father on a diversified dairy farm in Amalga, Utah, and in attending the county school.

MISSION TO JAPANESE

At nineteen, he received a call to serve in the Japanese mission in the Hawaiian Islands. Two and one half years were served as a missionary, and an additional two and one half years were then served as a civilian employee at the Pearl Harbor Navy Yard. December 7, 1941, found him on the job when the Japanese attacked.

His father was severely injured in 1944, so he returned to Utah to help with the farming. As soon as his father had sufficiently recovered, both of his parents were called to serve a mission to California; Theris continued to operate the farm in their absence. He was ward teaching supervisor, Explorer leader and in the Stake M.I.A. at this time.

He married Vivienne Noble, also of Amalga, Utah, on September 6, 1945. He then entered the service on September 25, 1945, and served in the 57th Field Artillery in Korea.

EDUCATION

After leaving the service, Theris attended the University of Southern California and graduated from the University of Utah in 1951. He graduated from the Palmer College of Chiropractic in 1954 with a Doctor of Chiropractic degree. One year was then spent doing graduate work, which earned him the Philosopher of Chiropractic degree. His dissertation was subsequently used as a textbook at PCC.

DIRECTOR OF ASTLE CLINIC

In 1955, he and Vivienne returned to Logan to make their home. He was on the Board of Directors of the Utah Chiropractic Association for ten years and has been the President of

the UCA twice. Twice he was voted "Doctor of the Year." Theris has been the PCC Alumni President for 14 years.

Dr. Theris is the owner-director of the Astle Clinic.

ACTIVE IN CHURCH

He is a member of the Eleventh Ward, Mount Logan Stake. He has been president of the Elder's quorum, superintendent of the Sunday School, belongs to the High Priests group and is a home teacher.

He is a member of the Bridgerland Lion's Club and a lifetime member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

He and Vivienne have two wonderful children: Joseph Todd, who will be 16 on Dec. 15, 1975 (and can hardly wait!) and Elizabeth Gwen, who will be 13 on January 13, 1976.

Theris is grateful for the heritage which has become his, and he hopes to be able to perpetuate it. "Whatever our forefathers earned for themselves, we must earn again for ourselves," he says.



WISDOGRAMS BY UNCLE J

by J. Winter Smith

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By Ezra Taft Benson, Deseret Book Co., \$1.00 pamphlet.

As America begins its Bicentennial, a modern-day apostle and former Secretary of Agriculture outlines some of the ills besetting the nation and outlines some of the ways in which The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is meeting these challenges.

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GOMER W. CASEMAN

Gomer Wilford Caseman, 73, 3610-2700 East, died January 27, 1976, in a Salt Lake hospital after a long illness.

Born July 14, 1902, Deep Valley, Pa., to Perman Andrew and Virginia Barnhart Caseman. Married Helen Hunt, November 9, 1938, Brigham City; solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple. Former resident of Monroe, Sevier County. Member Toastmasters Club, Parents and Patrons, Bonwood and Wasatch bowling leagues, East Millcreek Sons of Utah Pioneers. Former sales agent, Hyland Realty; crossing guard, Salt Lake County; postal clerk, Walker Bank & Trust Co. Active in LDS Church.

Survivors: wife; daughters, Mrs. Richard (Barbara Dawn) Johansen, Mrs. Patty Ann Redd, both Salt Lake City; five grandchildren; brother, sister, Rex, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Hunt (Irene) Sanford, Elko, Nevada.



H. ROLAND TIETJEN

PROVO — H. Roland Tietjen, 80 North 200 East No. 2, prominent Sevier County banker, former president of the Hawaiian Temple and state senator, died February 13, 1976, in a Provo hospital of causes incident to age. He was 84.

Mr. Tietjen's banking career began in 1923 as a cashier for the Monroe State Bank, where he worked for 34 years, 25 as executive vice president. He filled two terms as president of the Southern Utah Bankers' Association and four years as vice president of the Utah chapter of the American Bankers Association. He was also president of the Utah Bankers Association.

Mr. Tietjen was a Republican precinct chairman, representative to the state legislature from Sevier County, State Senator from the 10th Senatorial District and in 1958 completed three terms of service on the Legislative Council of the state legislature.

A lifelong member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Mr. Tietjen was stake president and patriarch in the South Sevier Stake. He also served a mission in California where he was president of the Long Beach Conference. In 1957, he and his wife were called to serve in the Bureau of Information at the Hawaiian Temple. They served as president and matron of the temple from 1959-1963.

Mr. Tietjen's civic activities included his service as charter president of the Monroe Lions Club and president of the South Central Utah Knife and Fork Club. He was vice president of the Utah National Parks Council of the Boy Scouts of America and chaplain of the Brigham Young Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers.

Mr. Tietjen graduated from Brigham Young University in 1915 where he was the student body vice president and president of the College Debating Society. He served as BYU's Alumni Association president and President of the Emeritus Club. He received the Distinguished Service Award in 1969.

Mr. Tietjen was born in Santaquin, Utah, May 21, 1891, to Ephraim Henry and Elizabeth Euzella Holladay Tietjen. He married Genevieve Willardson, August 18, 1915, in the Salt Lake Temple.

Mr. Tietjen is survived by his wife of Provo; sons and daughters, Melvin E., Phoenix; Mrs. Francis L. (Bernell) Simpson and Mrs. Briant S. (Barbara) Jacobs, both of Provo; 14 grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Dot York, Orem and Mrs. Halbert (Druce) Jakle, Redland, California.



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